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Virginia to Host Joint National NASMIA, MSIA and JHSA Meeting - Virginia Beach, VA – June 3 – 6, 2002 –

Big Stone Gap, VA- The 2002 Joint National Meeting of the National Association of State Mine Inspection Agencies, Mine Safety Institute of America, and the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association will be conducted June 3-6, 2002, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Lonesome Pine Council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association and federal Mine Safety and Health Administration will host the annual meeting, which brings together mine industry and state regulatory agency representatives from across the country to discuss and share information on a variety of important mine safety topics.

Make plans now to attend what promises to be one of 2002's most exciting and informative mining industry meetings at a great location in the Southeast. The Virginia Host Committee will release more detailed information about program activities early in 2002. Participants are encouraged to register early.

Meeting accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, 3900 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451 (Telephone 757-428-1711). For additional information about things to do in Virginia Beach, visit: <http://www.vbfun.com/VBFun/asp/home.asp>

Call For Papers

Anyone interested in making a presentation at the meeting should contact Richard Wood at (304) 256-3240. The following issues are of particular interest: Hazardous Communications; Workforce Issues/Aging Workforce; Compliance Issues; New Technology for Health and Safety; Power Haulage; and Human Behaviors (Factors). However, any topic that could contribute positively to miner health and safety will be considered. Deadline for technical papers is January 15, 2002.

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